

Plan is on its way to my district to keep frontline public workers on the payroll; that \$50 million is coming to my district to help our colleges, universities, and their students recover from this horrible pandemic; and that advance monthly child tax credit payments—a tax cut for working families with children—stand to benefit 126,000 children in my district alone.

These are more than just numbers on a page. They represent the promise of life returning to this country as part of the American Rescue Plan which has put checks back in pockets, put people back in jobs, put the shots in the arms, and put our kids back in the schools.

This is the American Rescue Plan, and it is working.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF JEFF HENDRED

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man from Iowa's Second Congressional District for his countless hours of service to our community.

Recently, Wilson Elementary School principal and Polar Xpress frozen yogurt shopowner Jeff Hendred, from my hometown of Ottumwa, was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award by the United Way of Wapello County.

The volunteer service award is given to honor individuals who have gone above and beyond to leave a positive impact in their community and for inspiring others to pay it forward through community service of their own.

Jeff was instrumental in coordinating the annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and has dedicated countless hours to the Emergency Youth Food Program.

It is truly inspiring, and I am incredibly thankful to have Jeff in Ottumwa.

With over 20 years of service in Ottumwa's schools, Jeff has the important job of being a role model and teacher to hundreds of students, and his service to the Ottumwa community sets a great example for our next generation of community leaders.

I could not be prouder to represent Jeff in Congress, his first Congresswoman from Ottumwa, and to call him and his wife, Sandra, a friend.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JOBS THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of investing in our infrastructure with bold strokes and smart policy. We have a once-in-a-

generation opportunity to provide mobility for all Americans. We must harness it.

Making our economy more sustainable, productive, and fair means upgrading the way people from all backgrounds and ZIP Codes access jobs, goods, and services.

As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am working with my colleagues to expand access to reliable and convenient buses, provide grants for on-demand transit to fill transit deserts, and build complete streets that ensure pedestrian safety, encourage the use of bicycles and other micromobility with protected lanes, and improve the handling of stormwater. Transportation is about bridges, ports, and roads, yes, but it must foundationally be about connecting people to jobs and services across all modalities. I look forward to advancing these priorities in forthcoming legislation.

STANDING WITH ISRAEL

(Mr. JORDAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the continuing attacks on Israeli civilians by Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip are a shocking reminder that Israel's very existence has been threatened throughout its seven decades as a nation. We strongly condemn these attacks and the terror campaign being waged against our Israeli allies.

As a sovereign country, Israel not only has the right but the responsibility to protect its own citizens. No nation could be expected to withstand these assaults without acting in its own defense.

Even in its military response, under constant threat of further attacks, with air raid sirens driving hundreds of thousands of Israelis to bomb shelters, Israel has shown remarkable restraint. Hamas has certainly not.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government should have the full support of this Congress and this President as it works to end the waves of terror coming out of Gaza. As the Prime Minister said in this Chamber 10 years ago, "Israel is the one anchor of stability" in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Israel, united against all threats to its peace, stability, and its very existence.

HONORING FALLEN OFFICERS FROM PUERTO RICO

(Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I stand with Israel.

Today, in National Police Week, I rise to recognize our municipal, State, and Federal law enforcement officers in Puerto Rico and their commitment to public safety.

I also rise to honor those brave officers from the island who lost their lives in the line of duty during the past year.

From the Puerto Rico Police Bureau: Captain Roberto Rodriguez-Hernandez, Lieutenants Jose Garcia-Vazquez and Juan Rivera-Padua, Sergeants Miguel Martinez-Ortiz, Ricardo Perez-Ortiz, Mayra Rodriguez-Burgado, Juan Ramirez-Padilla, Luis Marrero-Diaz, and Juan Rosado-Lopez.

From the Carolina Municipal Police Department: Sergeants Eliezer Hernandez-Cartagena and Luis Salaman-Conde.

We are eternally grateful to those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting their communities.

Let's back the blue.

MARKING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. NEHLS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, it is National Police Week. After serving in law enforcement for over 30 years, I can think of no better story to share today than the story of my family's more than 110 years of law enforcement service.

It all started with my father, Edwin Nehls, who, after returning home from Korea as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, began serving with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office in the State of Wisconsin. He served for over two decades, starting as a traffic deputy and eventually working his way to serving as the elected sheriff, a position he held for 8 years.

My older brother Todd Nehls served in the Dodge County Sheriff's Office for 34 years, serving more than 10 of those years as the elected sheriff.

And my identical twin brother, Trevor Nehls, served in law enforcement for over 30 years in Fort Bend County, Texas, starting in the early 1990s. He just retired in March of this year after a successful career.

I could not be more proud of my father and brothers' service.

BIDEN ECONOMIC POLICIES JEOPARDIZE LIVELIHOODS

(Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because businesses are getting hammered by the destructive economic policies of the Biden administration.

I just returned from my district in Florida, where, despite an overall strong economy, local business owners are struggling to find employees. Whether it is our local builders' association, manufacturers like Tampa Armature Works, food producers at RollinGreens, hospitals, or my favorite restaurants, this problem exists across every business sector.